



**JOHN SWEENEY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY
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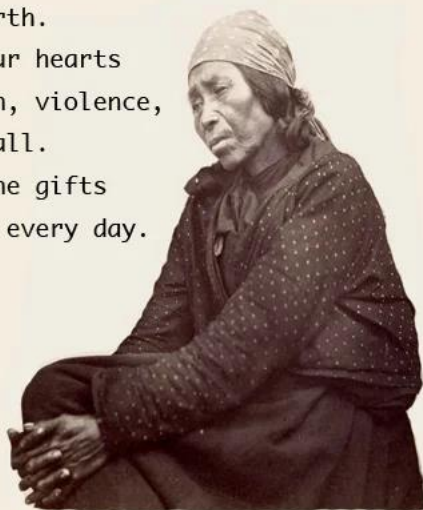
Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Present: Sarah, Sara, Catherine, Jen, Alen, Sayo, Kara, Mike, Kendra

Prayer (Sarah)

Creator, open our hearts
to peace and healing between all people.
Creator, open our hearts
to provide and protect for all children
of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts
to respect for the earth, and all the
gifts of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts
to end exclusion, violence,
and fear among all.
Thank-you for the gifts
of this day and every day.

Mi'Kmaq prayer



School Report (Kendra/Mike)

John Sweeney CES EQAO Results 2021-2022

Percentage of Fully Participating Students Achieving At or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)

	Reading	Writing	Math
Grade 3	67%	78%	60%
Grade 6	91%	95%	59%

Highlights of SIEPSA:

Literacy - Primary

- New Literacy Assessment Measures

Numeracy - Whole School

- Focus on fractions

Faith and Well-Being

- Re-establish school-parish-home relationships
- Involvement with Community Justice Initiatives to support whole-school restorative justice approach

Pathways, Engagement, and Renewal

- Promote student voice
- Focus group re school culture
- Playground consultation
- Youth in Action

Sarah's notes (stepped in as Secretary):

- John Sweeney showed strength in language and reading, weaker in math
- Closely aligning with provincial averages
- Take scores with a grain of salt as testing was new this year and filled with tech challenges, additionally the impact of the pandemic on learning outcomes and the gaps between the old and revised Math Curriculum expectations
- Math initiative for grades 1-8 currently being implemented at the school
- Intention also to focus on Faith and community wellbeing
- Community Justice Initiatives for staff around equity and potential for strategies in managing challenging behaviour
- Possible in future to provide some communication with families around behaviour strategies they could implement at home to strengthen school behaviour challenges
- Pathways Engagement Renewal
- Youth in Action back after pandemic, this is a positive initiative in the school and students are thriving around these planning activities
- Student reps not at this meeting but will be invited for Jan 31st meeting, send out an invite to those students who want to be engaged in this

Fundraiser Highlights:

- Total amount raised: \$10,557.75
- Pizza party winners: Circelli/Howie (JK/SKA), Brockelbank (1C), Owens (4A), DiGravio (8A) – Parties organized for November 21st
- Mike to share feedback from students re playground

Sarah's notes:

-Mr. Clifford provided a presentation around feedback from the students on what they would like to see improved in the school yard and around what an ideal play structure might look like

-Students felt passionate around soccer and potentially having the ability to not be designated in sections

-Students also were interested in greening initiatives and areas to promote creative play

-Some discussion around tree maintenance, mulching and Implementation of a Greening Committee that is made up of students and potentially parents were discussed, this could be touched on in January at our next meeting

Other updates:

- Red binders on back order – will be ready for January 31 CSAC Meeting
- Student reps for new year
- Reconciliation today – Grade 3-8
- Nov. 30 – Bible Celebration for Grade 4s
- Weekly Advent Celebrations – 4 Fridays leading up to Christmas
- Dec. 8 – Advent Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church
- Last week before holidays – theme each day
- Dec. 23 – last day of school
- Jan. 9 – back to school
- Jan. 20 – PA Day

Sarah's notes:

-Reconciliation happened at the school with 6-7 priests today, Nov 29th

-Weekly advent celebrations

-Dec 08 school wide mass at the church, ~~buses to be fundraised by parishioners and possibly monies via church~~ - buses were paid for by the school

-Cardinal week Pre-Holidays more news to come and posted on the calendar shortly

Financial Report (Sayo)

- See attached excel document

Chairperson's Report (Alen/Jennifer)

Sarah's notes:

1. Fundraiser – how did we do? Where will funds be used?

Sayo provided a detailed report of funds, some discussion around reallocating some funds- for example the charity fund could be re allocated to Tiny Homes or Better Tent City

To Do:

Create application for the Love my Hood Grant suggested to council by former councillor Galloway-Sealock

Next grant deadline is in spring, this is a matching grant application needs submitting along with any other available grants

Sounds like there is about 13,00.00 for the playground at this point

Discussion around bringing QMack or DO Gibbs into the school QMack may be a possibility around Indigenous monies allocated

2. Spring event – Wellness Fair proposed by council

Event to support our families and inclusion in the school community

Invite community partners that focus on physical, mental, and spiritual well-being

For example, Sheridan Nurseries, Williamsburg Community Association, Blessed Sacrament, YMCA, Early ON, the church is interested in having a booth to promote spiritual well-being and children's programs

Possible date would be Tuesday May 02 during Catholic Education Week

To do: Alen will send out an email to create a subcommittee for the Wellness Fair

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2022-23

- Tuesday, January 31/23 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 28/23 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 30/23 – 6:00 p.m.